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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (cancelled)

- 2. (currently amended) The shared computer network storage system of claim—1\_17, wherein said first file database is distributed over at least two physical storage devices.
- (currently amended) The shared computer network storage system of claim—1 17,
  wherein said second metadatabase is distributed over at least two physical storage devices.
- 4. (currently amended) The shared computer network storage system of claim—1 17, wherein said client application communicates with said server via a proxy.
- 5. (currently amended) The shared computer network storage system of claim—1 17, wherein said server comprises a non-routable network.
- 6. (currently amended) The shared computer network storage system of claim—1\_17, wherein said server comprises a transaction processor.
- 7. (original) The shared computer network storage system of claim 6, wherein said transaction processor guarantees access to and transactions on said first and second

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databases.

- 8. (currently amended) The shared computer network storage system of claim—1\_17, wherein said server comprises an enterprise java bean cluster (EJBC).
- 9. (original) The shared computer network storage system of claim 8, wherein said enterprise java bean cluster (EJBC) handles business logic and resource access methods a well as memory caching for common resources.
  - 10. (currently amended) The shared computer network storage system of claim—1\_17, wherein said server further comprises an application network.
  - 11. (original) The shared computer network storage system of claim 10, wherein said application network further comprises a java application cluster.
  - 12. (original) The shared computer network storage system of claim 10, wherein said application network handles display functions and resource requests.
  - 13. (currently amended) The shared computer network storage system of claim—1\_17, wherein said server further comprises a web server.
  - 14. (original) The shared computer network storage system of claim 13, wherein said

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web server handles all requests for static content and proxies requests for dynamic content.

- 15. (currently amended) The shared computer network storage system of claim—1\_17, wherein said server further comprises a load balancer, said load balancer proxying requests to a sub-server having the highest degree of availability or functionality.
- 16. (original) The shared computer network storage system of claim 1 wherein said server further comprises a DNS redirector, said DNS redirector proxying requests to a resource having a highest degree of functionality.
- 17. (currently amended) A shared computer network storage system, comprising: The shared computer network storage system of claim 1 wherein said server further comprises:

a first database containing file data;

a second database containing information (metadata) about said file data of said first database;

a server, said server executing file commands on said first file database, said server contemporaneously updating said second metadatabase upon executing said file commands, said server comprising:

a transaction processor, said transaction processor on a nonroutable network, said transaction processor guarantees access to and 12

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transactions on said first and second databases;

an enterprise java bean cluster (EJBC) on a non-routable network, said enterprise java bean cluster (EJBC) coupled to said transaction processor and handling business logic and resource access methods as well as memory caching for common resources;

an application network on a non-routable network, said application network coupled to said enterprise java bean cluster, said application network including a java application cluster and handling display functions and resource requests;

a web server, said web server coupled to said application network and handling all requests for static content and proxies requests for dynamic content;

a load balancer, said load balancer coupled to said web server and proxying requests to a sub-server having the highest degree of availability or functionality; and

a DNS redirector, said DNS redirector coupled to said load balancer and proxying requests to a resource having a highest degree of functionality; and

a client application, said client application communicating with said server, said client application invoking file commands upon said server, said server executing said file commands and updating information regarding said first file and second metadata databases displayed by said client application;

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## whereby

said client application controls files in said first file database and information regarding status of said first database files is more readily available by reference to said second metadatabase.

- 18. (currently amended) The shared computer network storage system of claim—1 17, wherein said client application is web-based.
- 19. (currently amended) The shared computer network storage system of claim—1\_17, wherein said client application interacts with an operating system running upon a computer upon which said client application is also running, said client application adopting and implementing a visual display format similar to said operating system.
- 20. (original) A shared computer network storage system, comprising:
  - a first database containing file data, said first database distributed over at least two physical storage devices;
  - a second database containing information (metadata) about said file data of said first database, said second database distributed over at least two physical storage devices;
  - a server, said server executing file commands on said first file database, said server contemporaneously updating said second metadatabase upon executing said file commands, said server including:

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a transaction processor, said transaction processor on a non-routable network, said transaction processor guarantees access to and transactions on said first and second databases;

an enterprise java bean cluster (EJBC) on a non-routable network, said enterprise java bean cluster (EJBC) coupled to said transaction processor and handling business logic and resource access methods a well as memory caching for common resources;

an application network on a non-routable network, said application network coupled to said enterprise java bean cluster, said application network including a java application cluster and handling display functions and resource requests;

a web server, said web server coupled to said application network and handling all requests for static content and proxies requests for dynamic content;

a load balancer, said load balancer coupled to said web server and proxying requests to a sub-server having the highest degree of availability or functionality; and

a DNS redirector, said DNS redirector coupled to said load balancer and proxying requests to a resource having a highest degree of functionality; and

a client application, said client application communicating with said server via a proxy, said client application invoking file commands upon said server, said server executing said file commands and updating information regarding said first file and second metadata databases displayed by said client

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application; whereby

said client application controls files in said first file database and information regarding status of said first database files is more readily available by reference to said second metadatabase.

- 21. (original) The shared computer network storage system of claim 20, wherein said client application is web-based.
- 22. (original) The shared computer network storage system of claim 20, wherein said client application interacts with an operating system running upon a computer upon which said client application is also running, said client application adopting and implementing a visual display format similar to said operating system.

Claims 23 – 50 (cancelled).